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TAGS: CGEN: (BENTLEY, JACK)

SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: VISIT BY AUSA WILSON AND
SA GREEAR (ATF)

1. ASS'T US ATTY FROM SEATTLE, DAVID E. WILSON AND SPECIAL
ASS'T WAYNE GREEAR OF BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIRE-
ARMS, OF DEPT TREASURY ARE INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE
CONSPIRACY CASE AND CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZED CRIME BEFORE
TAKING CASE TO GRAND JURY.

2. JACK BENTLEY A US CITIZEN IS BELIEVED TO POSSESS INFOR-
MATION VALUABLE TO INVESTIGATOR. HE IS INCARCERATED IN
THAILAND, APPARENTLY ON DRUG CHARGES. WILSON AND GREEAR
WISH TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO BENTLEY TO TALK INFORMALLY WITH
HIM. WITHOUT NOTIFYING BENTLEY IN ADVANCE, INVESTIGATORS
DESIRE A CLEARANCE FROM GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND TO ALLOW
THEM TO SPEAK WITH BENTLEY.

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3. INVESTIGATORS ARE UNDER TIME PRESSURE SINCE BENTLEY IS
EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED SOON.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONTACT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND ASK
WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN WILSON AND
GREEAR SPEAKING INFORMALLY WITH BENTLEY WITHOUT PRIOR CON-
TACT WITH BENTLEY. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO CONTACT DEA ATTACHE

FOR ANY ASSISTANCE HE MAY BE. NOTE, IF EMBASSY FORESEES
DIFFICULTIES, WOULD CONSULAR OFFICER BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY
INVESTIGATORS?

5. ARRIVAL OF WILSON AND GREER IS APRIL 27 VIA FLIGHT 1.
REQUEST EMBASSY ARRANGE WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS INTERVIEW
OF BENTLEY, IF POSSIBLE, FOR APRIL 27 AND 28. PLEASE
MAKE RESERVATION NEAR EMBASSY AT MODERATELY PRICED HOTEL
FOR 2 SINGLES FOR 3 DAYS. CHRISTOPHER

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